

Ranking criteria	Points
(3) Has the facility where the project is located demonstrated a commitment to environmental compliance, sustainability, and stewardship and has an agency or organization officially recognized the facility for its commitment?.	0–1.
(d) Total possible points	36.

§ 86.52 What does the Service consider when evaluating a project on the need for more or improved boating infrastructure?

In evaluating a proposed project under the criterion at §§ 86.51(a)(1) on the need for more or improved boating infrastructure facilities, we consider whether the project will:

- (a) Construct new boating infrastructure in an area that lacks it, but where eligible vessels now travel or would travel if the project were completed;
- (b) Renovate a facility to:
 - (1) Improve its physical condition;
 - (2) Follow local building codes;
 - (3) Improve generally accepted safety standards; or
 - (4) Adapt it to a new purpose for which there is a demonstrated need;
- (c) Create accessibility for eligible vessels by reducing wave action, increasing depth, or making other physical improvements;
- (d) Expand an existing marina or mooring site that is unable to accommodate current or projected demand by eligible vessels; or
- (e) Make other improvements to accommodate an established eligible need.

§ 86.53 What factors does the Service consider for benefits to eligible users that justify the cost?

- (a) We consider these factors in evaluating a proposed project under the criterion at § 86.51(a)(2) on whether benefits to eligible users justify the cost:
 - (1) Total cost of the project;
 - (2) Total benefits available to eligible users upon completion of the project; and
 - (3) Reliability of the data and information used to decide benefits relative to costs.
- (b) You must support the benefits available to eligible users by clearly describing them in the project statement and explaining how they relate to *Need* at § 86.43(a).

(c) We will consider the cost relevant to all benefits to eligible users that are adequately supported in the application. We may consider the availability of preexisting structures and amenities, but only in the context of the need identified at § 86.43(a).

(d) Describe in your application any factors that would influence project costs, such as:

- (1) The need for specialized materials to meet local codes, address weather or terrain, or extend useful life;
 - (2) Increased transportation costs due to location; or
 - (3) Other factors that may increase costs, but whose actions support needed benefits.
- (e) Describe any costs that are associated with providing a harbor of safe refuge.

§ 86.54 What does the Service consider when evaluating a project on boater access to significant destinations and services that support transient boater travel?

In evaluating a proposed project under the criterion on boater access at § 86.51(a)(3), we consider:

- (a) The degree of access that the BIG-funded facility will give;
- (b) The activity, event, or landmark that makes the BIG-funded facility a destination, how well known the attraction is, how long it is available, and how likely it is to attract boaters to the facility; and
- (c) The availability of services and safety near the BIG-funded facility, how easily boaters can access them, and how well they serve the needs of eligible users.

§ 86.55 What does the Service consider as a partner for the purposes of these ranking criteria?

- (a) The following may qualify as partners for purposes of the ranking criteria:
 - (1) A non-Federal entity, including a subgrantee.